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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Certainly those are temporary appointments and the question whether they are to be made permanent will have to be decided by the Commission."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that in the recent selection, most of the candidates were only from the High Court staff such as bench clerks, ministerial clerks, etc.? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has already been answered."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" No, Sir."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" We will get people with legal qualifications more from the High Court and the percentage of such men is only 24 after all."

Tuberculosis in Malabar.

* 131-E *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Dr. K. B. Menon) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have figures about the incidence of tuberculosis in Malabar ;

(*b*) whether the disease is on the increase or decrease ;

(*c*) if it is on the increase, whether the Government are taking effective measures to check its spread ; and

(*d*) how many Tuberculosis Sanatoria there are in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

" (*d*) There are no Tuberculosis Sanatoria in Malabar district at present."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Administration Report of the Health Department shows at page 114-*f* the number of cases of tuberculosis treated in the hospitals in 1950–51. Therefore, I fail to understand the Minister's answer that there are no statistics whatsoever about the incidence of tuberculosis."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are figures regarding the number of patients treated in hospitals."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Has any reservation been made for patients from Malabar in any of the sanatoria in the State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no such reservation made for any particular district in any sanatorium. But in Malabar, at Periyaram, a tuberculosis sanatorium is being put up. I think it will be ready in a short time."

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SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Government take it from me that a large percentage of the population of Malabar are suffering from tuberculosis and, therefore, will the Government immediately construct the sanatorium at Periyaram and also allocate an increased percentage of beds for patients from Malabar in the sanatoria already available in the State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are tuberculosis wards and clinics in several of the hospitals in Malabar and as I have already said, a sanatorium is being constructed by the Malabar District Committee of the Madras Provincial Welfare Fund."

SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO :—" మద్రాసు రాష్ట్రం మొత్తంలో ఎన్ని శానిటోరియంలు ఉన్నాయి. అందులో ఆంధ్రలో ఎన్ని ఉన్నాయి."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member's question relates to Andhra districts. He may put a separate question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as whatever information is available shows that Malabar barring Madras has the greatest incidence of respiratory diseases and tuberculosis and inasmuch as there is no sanatorium in Malabar to meet the demand, may I know whether the Government have paid the sanctioned subsidy of 2½ lakhs of rupees promised by them for the construction of the Periyaram sanatorium? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have sanctioned a grant."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" As it is a well-known fact that the disease is on the increase, what are the steps the Government propose to take in this matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of beds for the treatment of patients is being increased from time to time in various places to the extent our finances permit."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Subsequent to the answer of the Hon. the Minister for Health on the last occasion that the construction of the Periyaram sanatorium would be completed and patients admitted to it by the 1st of April this year, I, as a member from that constituency, made enquiries about the same and also visited the place. I understand that the sanatorium is not ready for want of funds for construction and that it will not be ready for admission of patients into it on the date scheduled by the Minister. Will he, therefore, take early steps to see that the construction is completed immediately and patients admitted? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The work is done by the District Committee of the Provincial Welfare Fund, as I have already said. A communication would be addressed to the Committee to see that the work is done expeditiously."